



NORTH CAROLINA COMMUNITY COLLEGE SYSTEM
H. Martin Lancaster, President

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MEMORANDUM

TO: Presidents
Senior Continuing Education Administrators
FIT Directors

FROM: Scott Ralls, Vice President, Economic & Workforce Development

SUBJECT: Change to Focused Industrial Training Guidelines

At their July meeting, the State Board of Community Colleges acted upon a special provision passed by the General Assembly in the recent legislative session that expands eligibility for the Focused Industrial Training program to include industries “involved in the design and programming of computers and telecommunications systems.”

Therefore, in addition to manufacturing companies that were previously eligible (NAICS codes 3111 through 3399), the action by the General Assembly and the State Board makes companies with the following North American Industrial Classifications (NAICS) codes eligible for support with Focused Industrial Training funds:

- **5112** **Software Publishers**
- **5415** **Computer Systems Design and Related Services**
(Design and programming of telecommunications systems are classified in Industry 54151).

The revised guidelines (attached) now indicate that FIT instruction should be directed toward “skilled and semi-skilled production workers, computer programmers, computer and telecommunications systems designers and engineers, industrial maintenance workers, and leaders of personnel who perform industrial processes, computer programming, or systems design.” The State Board’s revision of the FIT Guidelines also enable balance-of-state FIT funds to be used to support special projects “that are designed to support manufacturing or information technology competitiveness.”

If you have any questions regarding these changes and their application, please do not hesitate to contact Rick Kimrey, Senior Director for Customized Training, at 336/386-9062, or kimreyr@surry.cc.nc.us, or myself at 919/733-7051, ext. 407, or ralls@ncccs.cc.nc.us.

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Attachment

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